

bill that will I think definitely bring us up to date and use modern terminology. These amendments are important and the committee would have had them as committee amendments but we felt better about having them handled by Senator Sieck. So I support the amendments and the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Sieck, do you want to make closing on the amendment?

SENATOR SIECK: No. Support the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: All those in favor of the amendment as explained by Senator Sieck will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Sieck's amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The amendment is adopted. Senator Sieck, on the bill as amended.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, this bill while quite lengthy is one that is long overdue. It completely updates all the obsolete language presently in the state statutes regarding persons with mental retardation. It removes the terms "idiots", "lunatics", "imbeciles" and substitutes modern day language of "persons with mental retardation" or "persons who are mentally incompetent". I urge the support of the bill with the amendments. It is time to modernize state statute language which presently demeans these persons who through no fault of their own find themselves with these conditions. The new language emphasizes that all of these persons are people first. I urge the adoption of this bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, the motion is the advancement of the bill as amended. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced as amended. Before we proceed, Mr. Clerk, if I may, the Chair would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Legislature 50 fourth grade students from Crete Elementary School in Crete, Nebraska, guests of Senator Eret, with their teachers. We